HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by:	Behning	

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Donald H. Stinson as recipient of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 2005 Superintendent of the Year award.

Whereas, Donald H. Stinson, an esteemed resident of Clayton, Indiana has achieved national recognition for exemplary service by receiving the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 2005 Superintendent of the Year award.

Whereas, Donald H. Stinson, a 1968 graduate of Decatur Central High School, became Superintendent of the Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township in 2000;

Whereas, In four years, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson has led the school district through a strategic leadership and facilities planning process;

Whereas, During the past four years Decatur Central High school has raised its graduation rate from 79 percent to 94

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percent;

Whereas, Decatur Central has also experienced a 43 point increase in its Scholastic Aptitude Test scores gaining the attention of Indianapolis mayor, Bart Peterson;

Whereas, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson is the only Superintendent who is responsible for instituting a charter school:

Whereas, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson led other innovations including the Decatur Discovery Academy, local business partnerships, and a community center;

Whereas, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson also partnered with commercial developers, Holladay Properties (to house the new Decatur Enrichment Center), the Challenger Learning Center of Decatur Township and the Decatur-AmeriPlex IVY-Tech State College campus;

Whereas, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson is a true leader who believes in empowering his fellow teachers and building consensus to achieve success; and

Whereas, Superintendent Donald H. Stinson earned this award for his creativity by successfully meeting the needs of students in the school system, for his strength in both personal and organizational communication, and for his professionalism by the constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing professional development opportunities and motivation to others on the education team: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives do congratulate and honor Donald H. Stinson as recipient of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 2005 Superintendent of the Year award.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this Resolution to Donald H. Stinson.

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